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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 are pending in the present application before this amendment. By the present amendment, claims 1-4 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action, claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over the admitted prior art (APA) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,558,183 (Ji). The "et al." suffix, which may appear after a reference name, is omitted in this paper.

Claim 1 has been amended so as to further differentiate the present invention from the admitted prior art.

It is respectfully submitted that there is no teaching or suggestion in Ji about a component corresponding to the stopper of the case main body or the engagement member having the groove portion of the present invention. Therefore, Ji cannot attain many advantageous functions of the presently claimed invention (such as the prevention of undesired bending of the engagement member when pressing force is applied to the press-manuever part provided on one end of the engagement member) which is achieved by the stopper of the case main body and the engagement member having the groove portion.

Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to more clearly recite the engagement mechanism by adding some limitations formerly cited in claims 2 and 3 and the descriptions in the specification. Accordingly, the present amendment serves to further distinguish how the engagement member works in relation to the stopper of the case main body when pressing force is applied to the press-manuever part of the engagement member. None of the cited references (whether considered

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individually or in combination) teaches or suggests claim 1, now amended. An indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 2-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over APA in view of Ji, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,639,256 (Endo).

Claims 2-4 are amended to conform to the amendment made in claim 1. No new matter has been added.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-4, pending in this application, are in condition for allowance over the cited references. This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and earnestly solicits an indication of allowable subject matter. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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